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CLERK US DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF ARIZONA  
  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**

In the matter of

CONTINUING COURT OPERATIONS IN  
THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA UNDER  
THE EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES  
CREATED BY CORONAVIRUS  
DISEASE (COVID-19)

GENERAL ORDER 20-40

**SUPERSEDES GENERAL ORDER 20-39**

WHEREAS (1) This Court has promulgated and followed certain procedures, including but not limited to mandatory masking, social distancing, limiting the number of procedures on any given day, and promoting air circulation and renewal, so as to permit a variety of court functions to proceed during the pandemic; (2) Nevertheless, the COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) outbreak remains both a global and a national public health emergency; (3) A new spike of coronavirus cases beginning during the month of October and continuing into November, both worldwide and nationwide is numerically more pronounced in many locations than previous spikes including Arizona's neighboring states of New Mexico and Utah; (4) Transmission rates remain high in Mexico which borders Arizona on the south; (5) Epidemiologists anticipate that autumn and winter weather will cause serious increases in the transmission of the virus as more time is spent indoors; (6) The number of new cases in Arizona and its constituent counties have been again rising and are now reaching the numbers experienced in the spike of last summer; (7) The positivity rate for Coronavirus tests in Arizona has continued to increase over the months

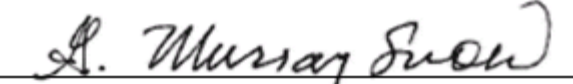
1 of October and November; and (8) The number of hospitalization and ICU admissions have  
2 risen during the months of October and November.

3 In light of the above, the United States District Court for the District of Arizona has  
4 concluded that additional temporary steps to protect the health and the safety of the public  
5 are necessary.

6 NOW THEREFORE, the United States District Court for the District of Arizona,  
7 orders the following effective immediately:

- 8 1. The provisions for the operations of and admission to the Flagstaff and Yuma  
9 Courthouses set forth in General Order 20-26 and renewed in General Order 20-36  
10 remain in place and/or are extended until further notice.
- 11 2. Except as set forth in the numbered paragraphs three through five below, the  
12 provisions for the operations of and the admission to the Tucson and Phoenix  
13 Courthouses set forth in General Order 20-26 and renewed in General Order 20-36  
14 remain in place and/or are extended until further notice.
- 15 3. All jury trials now in progress may be completed.
- 16 4. All criminal and civil jury trials not presently begun but scheduled either for the  
17 month of November or December shall be postponed until further notice.  
18 Depending upon the public health situation, such trials may be further postponed.
- 19 5. Grand Jury proceedings scheduled for the week of November 23, 2020, shall be  
20 completed and thereafter all other grand jury proceedings are suspended until further  
21 notice.
- 22 6. Naturalization ceremonies scheduled for the week of November 16, 2020, shall  
23 proceed as scheduled. Naturalization ceremonies scheduled in the month of  
24 December are suspended.
- 25 7. Limited attorney admission ceremonies as set forth in General Order 20-26 may  
26 continue as therein described.

27 Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020.

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G. Murray Snow  
Chief United States District Judge